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Through Jesus Christ
JUNE 29, 2014*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who through your Son revealed the truths of your Kingdom, give us eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to obey as you teach us in the power of your Holy Spirit; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

2 Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast Thou not seen
How all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

3 Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

4 Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

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Holy Is The Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory*

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service that caters to younger children and prepares them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Reading

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 18:1-8 (p. 742)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: ...and He told them a Parable

"Wearing God Out"

The Rev. Ford Jordan

(There is a space for sermon notes on page 9.)

For your convenience, there are sound speakers available in the Lobby and in the BabyBeams nursery cry room that allow you to hear the service if you have a child who is crying or needs to be fed.

Sermon Notes

THE APOSTLES CREED (said together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The phrase "holy catholic Church" means the Church worldwide.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for Church of the Apostles, for the Gikomero parish in Rwanda and for the Church worldwide.

People: That through us, you would scatter the seed of your word so that it can be heard, received and multiplied for your glory.

Leader: We pray for those in the world who have heard your word, but not understood its meaning.

People: Speak to them again the message of the gospel, that your love would reach them.

Leader: We pray for those around us who have heard your word, but have fallen away because of the troubles of life.

People: Surround them with your saints and the power of your Spirit to help them out of trouble and into the hope of Christ.

Leader: We pray for our mission partner Camp Oak Hill as they seek to lovingly present Christ through the scriptures, the godly example of servant leadership, and intentional relationships with campers.

People: May each camper grow in their love and knowledge of you and may they have a life changing encounter with the risen Lord Jesus through their time at camp.

Leader: We pray for any who are sidetracked from hearing your word because of worry or the love of wealth.

People: Awaken faith in them to believe in your provision and trust in you alone.

*Leader: Father, hear us now as we humbly submit our needs to your care.
(You are invited to boldly speak out your prayers to the Lord, aloud or in your heart.)*

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

CONFESSION OF SIN (said together)

Leader: Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Gracious and compassionate Father, we admit that we have too often chosen bitterness and envy, greed and hatred, gossip and slander, arrogance and self-indulgence. We have not sought first your Kingdom and your righteousness, but have lived instead for our own desires. Have mercy on us. Purify our hearts. Cleanse our lips. Redeem our eyes, ears, hands and feet. Restore us to the presence and power of your Holy Spirit, that we would be compelled to humility, kindness, generosity and faith; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

People: And also with you.

WELCOME and OFFERING

God Will Guide Us

1 So many years, so many trials
God has been with us through them all
He gives us strength
Through His power
He will never let us down.

(And we sing)

*Oh, God will guide us
Oh, He will provide for us
Through the wilderness
He will deliver us
Oh, hey*

He's done it before
He'll do it again
He is faithful
He is faithful (x3)

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I Am

1 There were times we were so afraid
So many years we had lost our way
But we would hold on to your promise
Your mighty hand would deliver us
A guiding light through the wilderness
And we would hold on to your promise

You said

*I Am the rock that you stand on
I Am your light and salvation
I will never ever let you go
I Am the God who redeemed you
I Am the one who never leaves you
Lord of all, Beginning and the End
I Am*

2 You were there through the darkest times
In every victory and every trial
And we would hold on to your promise

You gave us life when we had no hope
You have us signs so that we would know
That we could hold on to your promise

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HOLY COMMUNION

*(All baptized and believing followers of our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to partake in Holy Communion regardless of denomination. It is our custom to use wine during communion. **If you prefer, you may receive grape juice** from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines. If it would not be authentic for you to receive Communion, you may remain in your seat and contemplate the prayers on the following page.)*

Leader: Is the Father with us?

People: He is.

Leader: Is Christ among us?

People: He is.

Leader: Is the Spirit here?

People: He is.

Leader: This is our God.

People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Leader: We are His people.

People: We are redeemed.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and
praise.**

Leader continues in Eucharistic Prayer...

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said together)

**Our Father who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom
And the power and the glory
Forever and ever Amen**

*Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING HOLY COMMUNION

The Church of The Apostles welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, to receive Holy Communion with us by coming forward to one of the communion stations at the front. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Thank you.

Prayer of Belief.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Please come into my life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you.

COMMUNION SONGS (Please join in singing during communion.)

A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the worship area.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1 Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

2 Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

3 Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God

4 Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
You have washed us with Your blood
You have washed us with Your blood
You have washed us with Your blood
You are worthy Lamb of God

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Cornerstone

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

2 When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

3 When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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There Is Power In The Blood

1 Would you be free
From your burden of sin
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win
There's wonderful power in the blood

*There is power power
Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power power
Wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb*

2 Would you be free
From your passion and pride
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Come for a cleansing
To Calvary's tide
There's wonderful power in the blood

3 Would you be whiter
Much whiter than snow
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Sin stains are lost
In its life giving flow
There's wonderful power in the blood

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. Amen.

Your Love Oh Lord

Your love oh Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Stretches to the sky
Your righteousness
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows
Like the ocean's tide

*I will lift my voice
To worship You my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings*

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DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers...

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Below are a few ways that you can become more involved at Apostles. If you have questions this morning, you can fill out the yellow card under the chair in front of you.

Discovering Apostles Membership Class—This class includes teaching about Church of the Apostles and information about becoming a member of this church. Our next class will be held in the fall. *If you have any questions, please contact Marsha at 782-0550 x29 or marsha@apostles-raleigh.org.*

Join A Community Group—Are you interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Do you desire to have relationships in the church that go deeper than surface level conversations? Join a Community Group! *Please contact Ford Jordan if you have any questions (ford@apostles-raleigh.org).*

The Pulse Email Newsletter—If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter with updates and announcements about what is going on at Apostles, simply fill out the yellow card under the seat in front of you with your email and drop it in the offering basket.

PEARUSA eNewsletter You can sign up for email updates about PEARUSA, the church movement of which Apostles is a vital part. Simply go to www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up and enter your email address.

ApostlesLink.org—Are you a member or involved in the life of Apostles? Join our new online communication tool: Apostles Link. *To get a login, email Julie at julie@apostles-raleigh.org.*

The Ebenezer: Apostles' Blog—Would you like to hear stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Apostles? Check out our blog! www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/

This Week @ Apostles

The following are some events taking place at Apostles. If you would like more info, please visit our website.

Sunday, June 29

Worship Services—8:30am & 11am

Tuesday, July 1

Prayer—1-3pm: Sanctuary

Friday, July 4

Church Offices Closed

The Vine

Downtown Dinners on Wednesdays

All are welcome to join the Vine Community for **Downtown Dinners** on Wednesday evenings in Richard and Jessica Shore's backyard, 412 Watson St. We'll play field games, jump rope, and share a meal with neighbors at the Eastwood Court apartments. We'll gather from 6:30-8 PM on June 18, 25, July 2, 16, 23, 30, Aug 6 and 20. Please RSVP to jessica.h.shore@gmail.com.

Silver Saints (50+)

Save the Date and Join Us!

Silver Saints Fellowship (for those over 50). Join us Sunday, July 20th at 6pm at Sassool's (formerly Neomonde) at 9650 Strickland Road. Please RSVP by Monday, July 14 to Betty Edwards (ejeraleigh@aol.com or 919-787-4565). Come for an evening of fun and fellowship to meet new friends and be with friends you may not have seen recently.

Apostles Children's Ministry

Summer Volunteers—We still need to fill a number of spots nursery and KidsTime slots in July and August, contact rossetti@apostles-raleigh.org to sign up!

Nursery—The nursery lesson for this week is Crossing the Jordan (Joshua 3). The memory verse for June is "The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9.

Kids Time—The lesson this week is "The Tabernacle" (Exodus 35-31). We are memorizing Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

Big Time—3rd-5th grade students are invited to join the Big Time Challenge, a chance to learn more about God and work as a team toward a party! Check out the instructions in the lobby today!

Children's Ministry Newsletter—Don't receive the newsletter? Email robin@apostles-raleigh.org to be added to the list.

Mission Focus—We are collecting healthy after school snacks (non-perishable), postage stamps, and tall kitchen trash bags for House of Hope, a ministry that helps share the love of Jesus with teenage girls.

Sunday School—Children's Sunday School will return in the Fall!

Getting Involved at Apostles

Student Ministry Summer Meetings—Contact curt@apostles-raleigh.org or kara@apostles-raleigh.org

The Vine—20s/30s Community—Contact ford@apostles-raleigh.org

Want to join a Community Group?—Contact ford@apostles-raleigh.org

Women's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>

Women's Retreat 2015—Save the date for the 2015 Women's Retreat in Wilmington, NC (February 6-8). We will hear from the engaging, encouraging, entertaining Kim Hall (www.givenbreath.com) and worship with our very own Christa Wells (www.christawellsmusic.com). More info coming this Fall.

Ladies Meet and Treat - Have you ever wished you could meet more women at Apostles, but do not have the time to make a big commitment? Well, now is your chance! Make a new connection each month and get to know some of the amazing women at this church. Here is how it works: you are given the name of someone new to meet with each month. The two of you connect and come up with a time to meet. It could be a meal, coffee, a play date - whatever works for the two of you! If this interests you or if you have questions about how it works, contact Janet Whited 919-348-6087 or janetwhited@nc.rr.com. We plan to begin meeting in July.

Growing in Grace Bible Study—Meets Wednesdays starting Sept 10 from 9:30am-11:30am. We will be studying The Gospel of Matthew. Registration is open for this study and the children's program (child care available for a small fee). Contact Suzanne Garrison (suzgarrison@me.com). For more information and to register, visit the church website.

Muffins 'n More—Sept 8 | 2nd & 4th Mondays from 10-11:30am. A year long study of 1 Corinthians. Sue Barclay (suebarclay@juno.com 783-5043) and Cheryl Andrassy (candrassy@nc.rr.com 781-4370). No childcare available.

"Tuesdays at Noon" will be studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians w/ Beth Moore—Starting Oct 7. The cost is \$16 for a workbook. Contact Liz Rickner (eb2926@nc.rr.com or 252-671-6205).

Men's Ministry

<http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>

Blackwater Group—Thursdays | 7am-8am
Location: Ragsdale-Liggett Conference Room: 2840 Plaza Place, Suite 401, Raleigh 27612
Contact Eric Bolash | 919-368-5234 | eric@apostles-raleigh.org

Men's Fraternity—We are off for the summer, but some small groups are still meeting. Contact Mike Kromhout (mikromhoutnc@gmail.com) to join.

Band of Brothers Group—Wednesdays | 7am
Location: Panera Bread at Crabtree Mall
Contact Curt Blazier | curtblazier@gmail.com

Branch & Vine Relationship—2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 7pm | Andrassy's House
Love One Another Bible Study—The Christian life is all about relationships. It's God's design for our personal growth, which then translates into church growth—the real kind. Loving one another is a powerful relationship and evangelistic tool, as Jesus says: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Come join us! Contact: Frank Andrassy fandrassy@nc.rr.com, 781-4370 (home), or 649-5480 (cell).

Sleepy Heads—On Summer Rejuvenation. Beginning again in September on Wednesdays. 7:15–8:15am; Church of the Apostles, Room 208
Contact T. Ed Bailey 919-832-7305 or bailey@redeagle-co.com

Fellows Program Needs

Host Families! Please consider opening a spare room in your home to a Raleigh Fellows for the 2014-2015 school year. Fellows come here eager to learn, serve, and grow in their relationship with the Lord. Contact Ashley Crutchfield if you're interested! ashley@raleighfellows.com or 919.614.7634

Mentor Meeting! If you're interested in being a mentor for a Raleigh Fellow from September 2014-May 2015, please join us for an informational meeting on Monday, July 21 at 7:30pm at church. If you're planning to join us to learn more about what it means to mentor a Raleigh Fellow, contact Marilyn Young marilynjordanyoung@gmail.com.

Childcare in the Fall

Do you have a couple of hours free on Wednesday mornings beginning in September? Would you like to make a huge impact in that short amount of time? Need a little extra spending money? We have a great opportunity for you! We are looking for workers for the nursery during the Wednesday morning women's Bible Study (Growing in Grace). You would get to hold sweet babies or do fun lessons and activities with great kids, and at the same time you would be ministering in a huge way to the moms attending the study. The lessons and activities are already planned and organized for you. Time: Wednesdays from 9:25am to 11:35am, beginning September 10. Pay: \$30/day. If you would be willing to be an occasional sub, please also respond. Please contact Suzanne Garrison at suzgarrison@me.com or 919-607-0267. We would love to have you as part of our team!

Apostles Student Ministry

July 2: 7-9pm Combined Outdoor Movie at Curt's house (Rain plan- at Apostles)

REACH is FULL! To be added to the waiting list or for more info, please contact kara@apostles-raleigh.org

"The Deal" Student Worship will return in the Fall!

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We pray that you know God's presence as you worship with us today. The words to the songs and the order of service are printed in this bulletin.

Holy Communion is open to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent's discretion. It is our custom to use wine during communion. If you choose not to partake of the wine, you can receive grape juice from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines.

Please fill out a yellow Connection Card found under the seat in front of you and place it in the offering basket when it comes around. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church of the Apostles.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. While our members and regular attendees will be participating, we do not want you to feel that it is required of you. Thank you for joining us today.

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